

In the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 4, as follows:

This application is a divisional of U.S. application serial number 09/489,101, filed January 21, 2000, now abandoned, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 21, line 27, as follows:

Especially preferred include nucleic acids encoding a series of epitopes, known as “polytopes”. The epitopes can be arranged in sequential or overlapping fashion (*see, e.g.*, Thomson et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 92:5845-5849, 1995; Gilbert et al., *Nature Biotechnol.* 15:1280-1284, 1997), with or without the natural flanking sequences, and can be separated by unrelated linker sequences if desired. The polytope is processed to generate ~~generated~~ individual epitopes which are recognized by the immune system for generation of immune responses.

Please amend the Abstract as shown on the following page:

Cancer associated antigens have been identified by autologous antibody screening of libraries of nucleic acids expressed in small cell lung cancer cells using antisera from cancer patients. The invention relates to nucleic acids and encoded polypeptides which are cancer associated antigens expressed in patients afflicted with small cell lung cancer. The invention provides, among other things ~~inter alia~~, isolated nucleic acid molecules, expression vectors containing those molecules and host cells transfected with those molecules. The invention also provides isolated proteins and peptides, antibodies to those proteins and peptides and cytotoxic T lymphocytes which recognize the proteins and peptides. Fragments of the foregoing including functional fragments and variants also are provided. Kits containing the foregoing molecules additionally are provided. The molecules provided by the invention can be used in the diagnosis, monitoring, research, or treatment of conditions characterized by the expression of one or more cancer associated antigens.